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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - AIR FRANCE SUBSTITUTION OF TORONTO FOR  
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REF: PARIS 38272

1. FRENCH PROPOSAL TO REVISE APRIL 5, 1960 NOTE EXCHANGE  
RE BILATERAL ROUTE SCHEDULES HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND WE HAVE  
DECIDED TO REJECT IT. TEXT OF US DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO FRENCH  
EMBASSY WASHINGTON IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACKNOWLEDGES THE NOTE  
DATED NOVEMBER 26, 1976 FROM THE EMBASSY OF FRANCE PROPOS-  
ING CERTAIN REVISIONS TO THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF APRIL 5,  
1960, CONCERNING OPERATION OF ROUTES PURSUANT TO THE AIR  
TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE.

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SUBSEQUENT TO THE RECEIPT OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY'S NOTE, THE  
UNITED STATES CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD ACTED FAVORABLY WITH  
REGARD TO A REQUEST BY AIR FRANCE FOR SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION  
TO OPERATE ITS ROUTE FROM FRANCE TO LOS ANGELES VIA TORONTO  
(VICE MONTREAL), WITHOUT TRAFFIC RIGHTS BETWEEN TORONTO AND  
LOS ANGELES. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THIS ACCOMMODATION OF AIR  
FRANCE BY THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES, AND KEEPING IN

VIEW THE POSSIBLY SHORT TERM NATURE OF THE EXISTING AIRLINE

OPERATIONS WHICH ARE THE FOCUS OF THE FRENCH PROPOSAL, THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO AMEND THE ABOVE-REFERENCED EXCHANGE OF NOTES, AS PROPOSED. END QUOTE.

2. OUR RESPONSE IS BASED ON BELIEF THAT THREE-MONTH AUTHORIZATION GRANTED TO AIR FRANCE TO STOP IN TORONTO HAS RESOLVED IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF ALLOWING TWA TO CONTINUE EXPERIMENTAL GENEVA-NICE SERVICE THROUGH THE WINTER SEASON. IF TWA DECIDES TO DROP THIS SERVICE, AIR FRANCE'S AUTHORITY MOST LIKELY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO EXPIRE WITHOUT RENEWAL.

3. CHICAGO-LOS ANGELES COTERMINAL RIGHTS ARE VIEWED AS AN EXCESSIVE PRICE TO PAY FOR GENEVA-NICE SERVICE (EVEN IF TWA WISHED TO CONTINUE IT) AND GRANT OF SUCH RIGHTS TO FRANCE ARE NOT UNDER CONSIDERATION. ALSO, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THERE IS A CLEARER PERCEPTION OF US AIRLINE NEEDS, WE SEE LITTLE PURPOSE IN HOLDING CONSULTATIONS.  
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